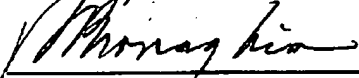


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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed 2 October 2001, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are requested.

AMENDMENT**In the Specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph beginning on line 12 of page 1 of the specification with the following:

The present application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/173,847 filed on 16 October 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,226,675 B1, entitled PARTICIPANT SERVER WHICH PROCESSES DOCUMENTS FOR COMMERCE IN TRADING PARTNER NETWORKS; and